

LATE TELEGRAMS

POPULAR SCIENCE.

NOTES AND NEWS OF INVENTION AND PROGRESS IN THE USEFUL ARTS.

One pound of mercury converted into fulminate is sufficient to charge 50,000 percussion caps.

A few trays of charcoal placed in a damp and musty cellar will make the air fresh and sweet.

A new process for amalgamating zinc and quicksilver without the admixture of any other material has just been invented.

Scientists say there is no plant that does not serve as food for some animal, but the only article used as food from the mineral kingdom is common salt.

A new double-pointed nail is the invention of an ingenious woman. The points turn in opposite directions, and the nails are especially useful for invisible nailing in wood-work.

Without taking into account the small variations due to refraction, etc., the days and nights are always of equal length at all points on the Equator, without regard to the position of the ecliptic.

The use of water meters in restricting waste limits the average daily consumption of water in Berlin to twenty-gallons per head. Every house has its water meter, the landlord paying the water rent.

A Mrs. Farnham of New Orleans has invented a "car-starter and combination brake" for street-cars. From the description it appears that the brake winds up the starter and relieves the horses of the strain of starting the car.

Professor H. Muller, an eminent botanist, says that the best time to prune vines is while the grapes are ripening, and that the young shoots should be selected for this purpose, as they require for their development a large quantity of sugar, to the detriment of the ripening fruit.

According to Dr. Howship Dickinson, a furred tongue is not necessarily an alarming symptom. To some persons it is normal to have a clean tongue, and to others equally normal to have a coated tongue, so that it is impossible to fix any degree or limit of coating as a necessary accompaniment to perfect health.

Among the late English inventions of interest is one by G. Hirsch of London, called a "process and apparatus for purifying water." According to the inventor water is purified by mixing with it iron in a state of fine division, allowing subsidence of part of the iron and effecting precipitation of a further quantity of the iron by aerating the liquid.

It is stated that vessels built of African teak wood have lasted 100 years, to be then broken up because of faulty models. Its weight is from forty-two to fifty-two pounds per cubic foot; it works easily, but wears the tools rapidly on account of the quantity of silica in it. It also contains an oil which prevents the iron in contact with it from rusting.

The inter-infection of diphtheria between man and various animals, from pigeons and fowls to cats, horses, and sheep, has been pretty well established by Dr. George Turner, who reports the results of his investigations to the British Local Government Board. He found that the "gapes" in chickens was frequently complicated with diphtheritic membranous growth.

Mrs. Schaffer of Chicago has lately invented a garbage crematory built on the plan of a large oven. It is fed from the top, the ashes falling through iron gratings into a wheel cart, so that they may be conveniently hauled away. It is so constructed that all the smoke and smell is carried by pipes into a large smokestack. She has also constructed a machine for washing windows.

Telegraph poles are preserved in Norway by making an auger hole about two feet from the ground, in which four or five ounces of sulphate of copper in coarse crystals are placed and plugged in. The chemical is gradually absorbed by the wood until its whole outer surface turns a greenish hue. The sulphate requires an occasional renewal, and is said to be a perfect preservative.

MINING COAL BY ELECTRICITY.

A new coal mining company, known as the Electric Motor Company, which has a patent for mining by electricity, will establish a plant at Phillipsburg, Penn., for the mining of an area of ten miles. The plant, as a whole, is to consist of a central dynamo, conducting wires, coal cutting machine, electric lamps and motor attachments for hanging the mining cars.—*Electrical Review.*

SOMETHING TO BEAT THE GAS METER.

Mr. Brownhill of England has invented a "pay-before-delivery gas meter." One or more pennies are dropped into an opening and the regulating apparatus of the meter liberates a quantity of gas of corresponding value, after which it stops, awaiting the advent of fresh pence. The coins accumulate and are removed by the collector at intervals. The mechanical arrangements of the meter will, it is believed, render fraud difficult; and they can be manufactured for about \$5 each.

A NICE PLAYTHING.

W. A. Lyman of Milford, Conn., is making the smallest possible specimen of an engine. It will be made from a silver half dollar. The boiler is to hold about eight drops of water, but with four drops the engine can be worked several minutes. When finished it is to be placed under a glass case three-quarters of an inch in diameter and an inch and one-eighth in height. Some of the parts will be so fine and delicate that they cannot be made without the use of a magnifying glass.

BAD FOR THE SILKWORM.

Artificial silk is the latest discovery, and judging from the details of it that are to hand, it seems likely that the silkworm's occupation will soon be gone, and that he may retire to his cocoon and lament his lost importance in silence. The new material is made, we are told, from a kind of collodion, to which has been added perchloride of iron and tannic acid. The process of manufacture is somewhat complicated, but the result seems to be all that can be desired in the way of providing a substance practically equal to good silk.

TO CLEAN LINEN WITHOUT SOAP.

According to *L'Industrie Parisienne*, a laundress in the vicinity of Paris has discovered a very ingenious method of cleaning linen without soap. He uses no soap or lye, nor chlorine, but replaces these substances by boiled potatoes, with which he rubs the linen. This curious process, it appears, is much superior to those hitherto employed, and the worst soiled cotton, linen or silk, cleaned by this method, are made whiter than they could be by the use of an alkali. Besides, the method has the advantage that brushes can be dispensed with and well water be used.

GLASS WATER PIPES.

The opinion has been expressed by those engaged in the manufacture of glass on a large scale that the time is not far distant when some method of casting such pipes satisfactorily and cheaply will be devised; and it is believed that, made in similar form to the present cast-iron pipes, with some suitable mechanism for a joint, and of malleable glass, a water pipe could thus be formed to which there could scarcely be an objection. Strong, tough, smooth and indestructible, and made of a material that is found almost anywhere, it is thought, not improbably, that in time whenever a large quantity of pipe is required for any one locality, a furnace will be erected and the pipes be there made.

NEW TREATMENT FOR CONSUMPTION.

A new method of treating pulmonary consumption is described by the *Medical Record* from French sources. Their new system of curing consumption is based upon sulphuric acid in medicated inhalations. Sulphur slightly moistened with alcohol is burned in a brazier, a little benzoin or powdered opium being sometimes added to make the fumes less disagreeable. The patient is required to stand twice a day in this sulphurous chamber and inhale the medicated atmosphere until his lungs are saturated with sulphuric acid. The treatment is said to be markedly successful in as many as thirty cases, sweats and fever disappearing, the lungs clearing up, and the appetite and weight steadily improving.

ELECTRICITY IN MINING.

The *Territorial Enterprise* says that, electricity is the coming power in mining. It will eventually be used for driving mining and milling machinery in all places where water power can be obtained within a reasonable distance of the mines that are being worked. To use the electrically transmitted power will be cheaper than to use the water-power itself. The mill for the reduction of the ore may then be erected at the mine, and all costs of handling saved. The same power may also be used for hoisting the ore, and electricity will run the drills, light the works, both on the surface and underground, and fire the blasts when the drill-holes are charged. Electricity will also carry messages to the point where the current is generated, and to all other places in the neighborhood of the mine, with which it will be necessary to hold communication.

To-day's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 3rd November, at 8.30 for 9 O'CLOCK precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 3rd November, 1888. [1102]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY. THE Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE"

Captain G. Taylor, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th inst., at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 3rd November, 1888. [1115]

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. THE Steamship

"LENNOX." J. Thearle, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 8th inst., at DAYLIGHT. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 3rd November, 1888. [1116]

FOR NEW YORK. THE 3/3 L. I. American Bark

"H. G. JOHNSON," Colby, Master, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, 3rd November, 1888. [1117]

TO LET FURNISHED.

A the Peak, "Dunford," A FIVE ROOMED HOUSE with Tennis Court. Possession from 15th instant to 31st March, 1889. Apply to J. V. VERNON. Hongkong, 3rd November, 1888. [1118]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 9th November, 1888, at 11 A.M., at the Kowloon Godown Co.'s Godowns, Kowloon. FOR ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Ex British Barque *Carrier Dove*. (SUNDRY MARKS)

2,030 ROLLS JAPANESE MATTING. All more or less Damaged by Sea Water. TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery. G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 3rd November, 1888. [1116]

Notices of Firms.

FROM the 1st November, 1888, until further notice, my Business at Holbow will be carried on under the name and style of BRUCE & Co. R. E. BRUCE. [1100]

FOR SALE.

SACCONI'S SHERRY, PORT, CLARETS, BRANDIES, WHISKIES. "EMPIRE" ALE AND STOUT. MACHINERY, GAS ENGINES, "EMPIRE" LUBRICATORS. SINGERS' SEWING MACHINES. COOKING STOVES, SCALES. PAINTS, OILS, AND VARNISH. BICYCLES AND TRICYCLES. VELOCEPEDS, HORSES AND CARRIAGES. BICYCLE WHEELS, FOR INRICKSHAS. BODA WATER MACHINERY. JET'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS. Apply to W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co., Bank Buildings, Hongkong, 29th September, 1888. [1103]

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Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED. AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on Account of 1888, at the Rate of 64 Dollars per SHARE in the Capital of the Company, will be payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK on and after the 5th November, on Warrants to be obtained of the undersigned.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 1st November till MONDAY, the 5th November, both days inclusive, during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order JOHN WILLMOTT, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 27th October, 1888. [1093]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last in order that the distribution of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th day of November next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 15th October, 1888. [1045]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of \$2 per SHARE has this day been declared, being further interest on Capital to 31st December, 1887, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum (making the total interest on Capital for 1887, 14 1/2%). Warrants may be had on application at the above Office on and after MONDAY, the 29th instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. Hongkong, 27th October, 1888. [1092]

PROSPECTUS.

SINGAPORE HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE "INDIAN COMPANIES' ACT, 1866."

CAPITAL: \$750,000 (with power to increase), divided into 7,500 shares of \$100 each, payable as follows:—

\$20 on APPLICATION. \$30 on ALLOTMENT. Further Calls not exceeding \$50 each, to be made at intervals of not less than three months. (It is not expected that more than \$55 per share will be called up before the end of 1889.)

If no allotment be made, the deposit will be returned in full. Share Lists will CLOSE on 14th November, 1888.

DIRECTORS:

WILLIAM ADAMSON, ESQ., (Messrs. GILFILLAN WOOD & Co.)

ANDREW CURRIE, ESQ., (The BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED)

WILLIAM DOUGAL, ESQ., (Manager, CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA)

HON'DLE J. FINLAYSON, M.L.C. (Messrs. BOUSTADT & Co.)

J. P. WADE GARDNER, ESQ., (Manager, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION)

HON. H. W. GEIGER, M.L.C., (Agent, PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.)

W. E. HOOPER, ESQ., (Messrs. A. L. JOHNSTON & Co.)

O. MUHY, ESQ., (Messrs. BEHN, MEYER & Co.)

THOS. SCOTT, ESQ., (Messrs. GUTHRIE & Co.)

T. THOST, ESQ., (Messrs. PUTZGERKEN & Co.)

C. STRINGER, ESQ., (Messrs. PATTERSON, SIMONS & Co.)

BANKERS:

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA; HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SOLICITORS: MESSRS. DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW.

SECRETARY (pro. tem.) JAMES KERR, ESQ. HEAD OFFICE: SINGAPORE.

THIS COMPANY has been formed for the purpose of supplying the want which has been felt for many years past, of a well-planned and well-fitted modern hotel of sufficient dimensions to accommodate the large and constantly growing passenger traffic through Singapore, as well as supply the great demand for temporary or permanent residential chambers. Singapore is the chief town of the British Crown Colony of the Straits Settlements, and is a leading place of call and a connecting port on the great lines of communication with the Far East. It is moreover the centre of an extensive trade with India, China, the Dutch Indies, the Philippines, Siam, and other countries. The present hotel accommodation in Singapore is quite inadequate, and it is proposed to acquire the fine site now partly occupied by the HOTEL DE L'EUROPE, and build thereon a hotel of much larger dimensions, and greatly improved construction and arrangement. Fully detailed plans have been prepared and the engagement of a first-class Manager is already secured. Prospects and Form of Application may be had at any of the Agencies of the Company's Bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION and the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, or Mr. D. McCULLOCH.

A certain number of Shares will be reserved by the Directors for Allotment to Hongkong Applicants.

APPLICANTS FOR SHARES will have to pay 1 per cent. extra for the difference in Exchange between this Port and Singapore.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1888. [1095]

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Intimations.

WANTED. FOR BANGKOK, TWO GOOD COM- POSITORS, Chinese or Portuguese, on a year's engagement. Applicants may apply personally to "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" Office, Hongkong, 31st October, 1888. [1105]

"WITH PROFITS" POLICIES

IN THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

TAKEN OUT BEFORE 15TH NOVEMBER NEXT,

will rank for two years Bonus at the next

DIVISION OF PROFITS.

Proposal Forms and Tables of Rates on application.

THE BORNEO Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1888. [659]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PROGRAMME OF THE SIXTH RIFLE MEETING, TO BE HELD AT KOWLOON, ON FRIDAY, the 9th November, and SATURDAY, the 10th November, 1888.

AGGREGATE VALUE OF PRIZES.

Competitions open to All-comers.

1. ALL-COMERS.—1st Stage, distance 200 yards. 2nd Stage, distance 300 yards. No. 6 shots, seven at each. Entrance fee, 30 cents at each. Unlimited entries, but competitors not allowed to take more than one prize at each distance. 20 prizes presented by the Association; aggregate value, \$122.00.

2. ANY RIFLE.—Distance, 300 yards. No. of shots, ten. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Two prizes. 3. ASSOCIATION.—FOR ANY RIFLE.—Distance, 300 yards. No. of shots, ten. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Two prizes.

4. CADET'S PRIZE.—Presented.—Open to pupils of Hongkong Public schools under 16 years of age. Rifle, Rook Rifle under 40 Cal. Distance, about 150 yards. No. of Rounds, 7 and one sighting shot. Four prizes.

5. PRESIDENT'S.—Distance, 300 yards. No. of shots, seven. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Three prizes.

6. QUEEN'S 1ST STAGE.—Distance, 200, 500 and 600 yards. No. of shots, seven at each. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Three prizes.

7. QUEEN'S 2ND STAGE.—Distance, 300 and 600 yards. No. of shots, ten at 300 yards, fifteen at 600 yards. Two prizes.

8. QUEEN'S 3RD STAGE.—Distance, 800 and 900 yards. No. of shots, ten at each. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Two prizes.

9. LADIES.—Open to Lady Members or their nominees. Distance, 300 yards. No. of shots, seven. Entrance fee, none. Five prizes.

10. VOLUNTEER AGGREGATE.—Restricted to efficient Volunteers whose respective scores in the 'All-comers' make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Three prizes.

11. CIVIL SERVICE AGGREGATE.—Restricted to members of the Civil Service whose respective scores in the 'All-comers' make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Three prizes.

12. POLICE AGGREGATE.—Restricted to the members of the Police Force whose respective scores in the 'All-comers' make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Four prizes.

13. ALL-COMERS' AGGREGATE.—For competitors whose respective scores in the 'Any Rifle' and 'Association' make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Two prizes.

14. LONG RANGE AGGREGATE.—For competitors whose respective scores in the 'Any Rifle' and 'Association' make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Two prizes.

15. FAREWELL CUP.—Silver cup presented by the Civilian Members of the Hongkong Rifle Association. Open to the Officers of the 35th Regt., and to be won by the highest aggregate score made in the 1st Stage Queen's. Entrance fee, none.

16. NURSERY AGGREGATE.—Restricted to competitors who have never won a First or Second prize at any previous prize meeting in Hongkong and whose respective scores at 200 and 500 yards in the Queen's 1st Stage make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Two prizes.

17. HANDICAP AGGREGATE.—For competitors whose respective scores (with monthly challenge cup points added) at 200 and 500 yards in the Queen's 1st Stage make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Two prizes.

18. QUEEN'S AGGREGATE.—For competitors whose respective scores in the 'Queen's 1st Stage' make up the highest aggregate. 1st Stage 200, 500 and 600 yards. 2nd Stage 300 and 600 yards. 3rd Stage 800 and 900 yards. 1st Prize, Silver Cup presented, value \$100. 9 money prizes, value \$100.

And in connection with the above, 3 EXTRA MONEY PRIZES for aggregates in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd stages.

Also, A MATCH RIFLE with 300 rounds of ammunition, presented, for the competitor whose scores in 'All-comers', 'Presidents', and 'First' and 'Second Stages' make up the highest aggregate. Winner of Cup excluded from taking this prize. Entrance fee, \$2.00.

SWEEPSTAKES at Running Man and Vanishing Target.—Open to all-comers during the meeting. Any Rifle.

POOLS at 200, 500 yards and Sancer. Open to all comers, M.H. Rifle or Carbine. Conditions &c.

1. To avoid delay, intending competitors are strongly advised to enter and obtain tickets for the various competitions before the date of the meeting. Application to be made to the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Club.

2. Post entries will be accepted on the ground. 3. Slugs, Paper or sliding wind-gauges on above, are not allowed.

Persons wishing to join the H.R. Association should send their names, with that of proposer and second, to the Hon. Secretary, not later than Thursday, noon, 8th November.

Entrance fee \$5.00. Ladies \$1.00. The above programme is subject to alteration. Programmes will be issued in the course of two or three weeks.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Hon. Secretary, HONGKONG CLUB. Hongkong, 8th October, 1888. [1016]

Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

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By Order of the Directors, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, 1st November, 1888. [1109]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned respectfully inform the Foreign Merchants in Canton that for the past twenty years they have carried on business in silk piece-goods in Sai-Hing Street, Canton, under the chop signification of "TSUN SHING," and venture to believe that the superior quality of their goods have given universal satisfaction to their customers. In order to avoid possible imposition they have considered it indispensable to prefix to their designation the surname of the head of the firm, "CHAN" and henceforth the Firm's signification, in the silk branch, will be known as "CHAN TSUN SHING."

Further, in respect of the Fire Cracker branch, which hitherto has been carried on under the title of "MAEN SHING," under which we have acted as sole dealers in Canton for many years and during this period our chop, by reason of the superior quality of the ingredients we employ as well as the first class character of our manufacture, has maintained its pre-eminent position in the markets of the United States of America; but lately numerous fraudulent imitations of our goods have been attempted, which has necessitated, in the interests of the public, our establishing a new Fire Cracker brand that will hereafter be known as the "CONSTITUTION" Cracker. It will be recognised by our old established mark underneath, viz., No. 1 Golden Dragon chop and our new prefixed title "CHAN MAEN SHING" at the bottom of the label of our Fire Crackers.

CHAN TSUN SHING, for Silk Branch. CHAN MAEN SHING, for Fire Cracker Branch. N.B.—Fire Crackers without our brand as above, will not be genuine. Canton, 1st November, 1888. [1107]

TO THE DEAF. A 132 paged Illustrated Book on Deaf- ness, Noises in the Head, how cured at your homes. Send 6 Stamps. Address Dr. NICHOLSON, 5, Old Court House Street, Calcutta. Calcutta, 26th September, 1888. [1044]

NOTICE. THE Undersigned is prepared to SUPPLY the Residents of Hongkong during cold weather with:— FRESH BEEF @ 7 cts. per lb. Prices quoted for cash, and subject to 2 1/2 per cent. discount for loss in transmission. Fumeloes at Market rates. J. G. GÖTZ, Amoy, 30th October, 1888. [1113]

Commercial.

TO-DAY.
THE SHARE MARKET.

The October settlements, about which considerable doubts had been entertained, passed off in a fairly satisfactory manner, and without much trouble. One Lusitanian operator failed to come up to time, but he appears to have been the only defaulter, and as his liabilities were not of a particularly heavy character, matters were eventually amicably adjusted. And still the game goes merrily along.

A great deal of business has been done since we last wrote, and numerous important changes have to be reported. Banks have changed hands at 152, 152½, and 153 per cent. premium, and are now in strong demand at the last quoted rate, although a few shares were offering this forenoon at 154. Transfers have also been fixed at 158 for December. Some sales of Yangtze Insurances have been arranged at 96, and there are further sellers. Hongkong Fires have dropped from 324 to 27½, and are very unsteady in the market. Business in Docks has been arranged at 36 and 36½ per cent. premium, and shares are still wanted at the higher quotation.

One of the sensations of the week has been furnished by Steamboats. On the strength of certain rumours as to the probability of various oppositions appearing on the Canton river, the market quotation gradually became reduced until shares were freely offered at 216. The report that the gentleman who has been the largest shareholder in the Steamboat Company for many years had got rid of most of his shares also had a weakening tendency, and when it became known on Thursday morning that the Canton Customs authorities had interdicted the *Poyan* from running on the river for alleged smuggling, something very like a panic suddenly set in. A lot of transactions were booked at various rates, chiefly at 214 and 215 for cash, 216 for the end of the month, 217 for Dec., and from 218 to 221 for March. Yesterday the stock rallied somewhat, it being generally believed that the visit of the Chairman of the Company to Canton had encouraged the prospects of an amicable settlement of the difficulty with the Chinese Imperial Customs. However, no business of any consequence was reported, although there were inquiries after the stock at 216. To-day not a single share, as far as we can learn, has changed hands for cash. The quotation is nominally 217, and there have been a good many offers to buy at equivalent rates for forward dates; but it has been impossible to obtain any reliable information. It is, in fact, a contest between "bulls" and "bears," the actual value of the shares having nothing to do with the result.

The other great sensation has been in Luzons. This stock has steadily risen during the past few days from 86 to 96, a large number of shares, according to report, having been negotiated at intermediate rates. It is perhaps noteworthy that while shares are wanted for cash at from 95 to 96, there are sellers for March and April at the same figure.

Business has been put through in the Wharf and Godown Co.'s scrip at 60 and finally at 58; there are now sellers at the latter quotation. There has also been a great "boom" in the Tongkin Coal Mining Co.'s stock, which has been rushed up from 75 to 110 per cent. premium, a number of shares having been placed at 100 for February. Douglas Steams have been done at 57, and further shares are wanted. The Ice Co.'s scrip has made a big jump upward, transfers having been arranged this afternoon at 91 and 92. A good line of Chinese Imperial "B" bonds was placed to-day at 2½ per cent. premium. The Steam Launch Co.'s shares have been sold at par and there are additional sellers. In other stocks there has been nothing doing requiring special remark.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—154 per cent. premium, sellers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—85 per share, sellers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—68 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tis. 28½ per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—97 per share, buyers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tis. 96 per share, sellers.
Chinese Insurance Company—165 per share, buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 150, per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—337½ per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—73 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 36 per cent. premium, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—217 per share, buyers.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—123 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Gas Company—133 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—165 per share, sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. dis. sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—57 per share, sales and buyers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—182 per share, buyers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—96 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—92 per share, sales.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—80 per share.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—121 per share, sellers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, B—21 per cent. premium, sales.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, C—25 per cent. premium, buyers.
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Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—83 per share, buyers.
Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—85 per share, nominal.

Punjom and Sanghe Dua Semantan Mining Co.—\$101 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—58 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.
Tongkin Coal Mining Co.—110 per cent. premium, buyers.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—27½ per cent. premium, buyers.
The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—84½ per share, sales and sellers.
Crucikshank & Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, sellers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—par, sales and sellers.
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. dis. nominal.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/01
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EXPORT CARGO.
Per *City of Rio de Janeiro*, str., for Yokohama—4,276 bags Sugar, and 2,964 packages Merchandise. For San Francisco—7,458 bags Rice, and 5,346 packages Merchandise. For Yokohama—8,306 bags Rice, 1,781 packages Merchandise, and 17 cases Silks. For Overland Ports—347 packages Tea, 28 packages Merchandise, and 120 bales Raw Silk.

OPUM MARKET—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul.....\$67½
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Nagasaki	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Shanghai	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Amoy	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Swatow	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Hankow	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Yokohama	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Manila	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE

3rd November, 1888.—At 10 a.m.									
STATION	Wind	Force	Direction	Temp.	Humidity	Bar.	Wind	Force	Direction
Wanchow	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Tsien	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Nagasaki	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Shanghai	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Amoy	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Swatow	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Hankow	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Yokohama	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE
Manila	SE	3	SE	78	85	30.1	SE	3	SE

Hongkong Observatory, 3rd November, 1888.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

Today.		Yesterday.	
Barometer—9 a.m.	30.1	Barometer—9 a.m.	30.1
Thermometer—9 a.m.	78	Thermometer—9 a.m.	78
Thermometer—4 p.m.	78	Thermometer—4 p.m.	78
Thermometer—9 p.m.	78	Thermometer—9 p.m.	78
Thermometer—2 p.m.	78	Thermometer—2 p.m.	78
Thermometer—5 p.m.	78	Thermometer—5 p.m.	78
Thermometer—8 p.m.	78	Thermometer—8 p.m.	78
Thermometer—11 p.m.	78	Thermometer—11 p.m.	78
Thermometer—Minimum	78	Thermometer—Minimum	78
Thermometer—Maximum	78	Thermometer—Maximum	78

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M. M. steamer *Irakowady*, with the French mail of the 5th ultimo, left Singapore at 5 a.m., on the 2nd instant, and may be expected here on or about the 6th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of New York*, with the American mail of 9th ultimo, left Yokohama on the 30th for this port, and may be expected here on or about the 5th instant.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The Canadian Pacific steamer *Batavia*, with the Canadian mail, left Shanghai at 5 p.m., on the 31st ultimo for this port.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Duke of Westminster*, left Vancouver on the 22nd ultimo for Japan and China.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Parthia*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 26th ultimo for Japan and China.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The D. D. R. steamer *Bellona*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 27th ultimo, and is expected here on the 3rd instant.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co. steamer *Elektra*, from Trieste, left Singapore on the 29th ultimo, and is expected here on the 4th instant.

The 'Glen' line steamer *Glenora*, from London, left Singapore on the 29th ultimo, and is expected here on the 4th instant.

The steamer *Claymore*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 1st instant, and is expected here on the 7th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kashgar*, left Bombay for this port on the 27th ultimo, and is expected here on or about the 12th instant.

FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,503, A. Cross, 1st Nov.—Whampoa 3rd Nov., General—C. M. S. N. Co.
Wolff, German gunboat, 500, Lieut. Credner, 3rd Nov.—Taiwan 1st November.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Bellerophon, British steamer, for Amoy.
Thales, British steamer, for Swatow.
Rong Beng, British steamer, for Bangkok.
Glenhith, British steamer, for Yokohama.
Fushun, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
Norden, Norwegian steamer, for Kutchinotzu.
Peking, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Adolph, German bark, for London.
Mellia, German steamer, for Swatow.
Johannes Brun, Norwegian str., for Tientsin.
Dettian, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

DEPARTURES.
November 3, *Actia*, Danish str., for Hoihow.
November 3, *Clara*, German steamer, for Hainan.
November 3, *Figaro*, Ger bark, for Bangkok.
November 3, *General Warder*, German str., for Yokohama.
November 3, *Deccan*, British str., for Singapore, &c.
November 3, *Peking*, British str., for Shanghai.
November 3, *Mellia*, German str., for Swatow.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.
Per *Bellerophon*, str., from Singapore, &c.—379 Chinese.
DEPARTED.
Per *General Warder*, str., for Nagasaki from Hongkong—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lippert, for Yokohama—Messrs. Eastman, Holder, Schurr, and 28 Chinese. From Southampton—Mrs. A. H. Dare, child and servant, Messrs. L. Berrick and William Gallagher.
Per *Peking*, str., for Shanghai—1 European and 61 Chinese.
Per *Mellia*, str., for Swatow—240 Chinese.
Per *Deccan*, str., for Singapore—2 Europeans and 392 Chinese.

TO DEPART.
Per *Bellerophon*, str., for Amoy—250 Chinese.
Per *Thales*, str., for Swatow—400 Chinese.
Per *Rong Beng*, str., for Bangkok—10 Chinese.
Per *Fushun*, str., for Shanghai—50 Chinese.

REPORTS.
The German steamer *Lydia* reports that she left Kobe on the 27th ultimo. Had moderate northerly winds all the way, and fine weather.
The British steamer *Bellerophon* reports that she left Liverpool, and Singapore on the 27th ultimo. From Singapore to lat. 7 north, had light airs and hot sultry weather; thence to lat. 14 north, had strong monsoon and head sea; thence to port moderate wind and fine weather.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
For Bangkok.—Per *Rong Beng*, to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 9.00 A.M.
For Tientsin and Hainan.—Per *Johannes Brun*, to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 9.00 A.M.
For Amoy and Shanghai.—Per *Bellerophon*, to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 9.00 A.M.
For Shanghai.—Per *Fushun*, to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 9.00 A.M.
For Haiphong.—Per *Freije*, to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 9.00 A.M.
For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Deccan*, on Monday, the 5th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
For Shanghai.—Per *Canton*, on Monday, the 5th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cockatoo, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide.—Per *Catherham*, on Monday, the 5th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Kobe.—Per *Tannadice*, on Monday, the 5th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Straits Settlements.—Per *Lydia*, on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Straits and Ceylon.—Per *Tannadice*, on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
For Swatow, Amoy, and Fuchow.—Per *Hainan*, on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at 5.00 P.M.
For Europe, &c., India via Bombay.—Per *Serai*, on Wednesday, the 7th instant, at 11.00 A.M.
For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *Galle*, on Wednesday, the 7th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.
Amoy, German steamer, 771, T. Bruhn, 2nd Nov.—Newchwang 26th Oct., and Chefoo 28th, Beans—Siemens & Co.
BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,499, E. de Megri, 2nd Nov.—Bombay 10th Oct., and Singapore 25th, General—Carlowitz & Co.
CARIBBEAN, British steamer, 973, R. Cass, 1st Nov.—Saigon 24th Oct., Rice, Paddy, and Rice Flour—Morris & Ray.
CATERHAM, British steamer, 1,400, J. W. B. Darke, 30th Oct.—Sydney 6th Oct., Brisbane 9th, Cape Moreton 13th, and Thursday Island 19th, Coal—Russell & Co.
CHOW-YA, British steamer, 1,155, F. W. Phillips, 1st Nov.—Kobe-al-chang 25th Oct., General—Scottish Oriental S. S. Co.
CROSSBIE, British steamer, 674, Ogston, 25th Sept.—Manila 22nd Sept., General—Soey Ship.
DAVID, British steamer, 536, J. Nielsen, 2nd Nov.—Manila 30th October, General—Ban Ho.
DECIMA, German steamer, 965, A. Dinse, 25th Oct.—Bangkok 16th Oct., Rice and General—Siemens & Co.
FALKENBURG, German steamer, 989, H. Bantels, 11th Oct.—Saigon 24th Sept., Rice—Melchers & Co.
FAME, British steamer, 117, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
FU-YEW, Chinese steamer, 926, Graham, 2nd Nov.—Newchwang, and Chefoo 27th Oct., Beans—C. M. S. N. Co.
GALIC, British steamer, 423, Wm. G. Pearne, 30th Oct.—San Francisco 30th Sept., and Yokohama 24th October, Mails and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.
GLENHITH, British steamer, 2,240, Donaldson, 30th October—New York 9th September, Gibraltar 22nd, Port Said 30th, Suez 1st October, and Singapore 22nd, Kerosene Oil and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
JOHANNES BRUN, Norwegian steamer, 585, R. Westberg, 30th October—Newchwang 22nd Oct., and Chefoo 27th Oct., Beans—C. M. S. N. Co.
KONG BING, British steamer, 869, R. Jones, 30th October—Bangkok 19th Oct., and Koh-al-chang 21st, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.
LENNOX, British steamer, 1,413, J. Thearle, 30th Oct.—Sourabaya 19th October, Sugar—Adamson, Bell & Co.
NAMOA, British steamer, 863, T. G. Pocock, 17th Oct.—Fuchow 14th October, Amoy 15th, and Swatow 16th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.
NORDEN, Norwegian steamer, 1,267, Nielsen, 30th Oct.—Kobe 20th October, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
PAKSHAN, British steamer, 535, J. Young, 1st Nov.—Bangkok 22nd Oct., General—Hop Hing Hong.
PENTRO, German steamer, 1,541, U. Johansen, 1st Nov.—Sourabaya 22nd October, Sugar—Ed. Schellhase & Co.

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PHRA CHULA CRUISE, British steamer, 1,012, A. Benson, 1st Nov.—Bangkok 25th Oct., Rice—Yuen Fat Hong.
PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
SARTHE, French steamer, 470, Gehuède, 1st Nov.—Hollo 27th October, Sapanwood—A. R. Marty.
STORE NORDISKE, Danish steamer, 506, E. Stensson, 25th Oct.—Cruise 14th October—Cath Northern Telegraph Co.
TAISANG, British steamer, 1,505, W. H. Jackson, 28th Oct.—Calcutta 12th October, and Singapore 20th, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
TANNADICE, British str., 1,403, W. Shannon, 2nd Nov.—Sydney 4th Oct., Keppel Bay 7th, Townsville 9th, Cockatoo 10th, Thursday Island 12th, and Port Darwin 23rd, General—Russell & Co.
THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 2nd Nov.—Taiwan 29th Oct., Amoy 30th, and Swatow 1st Nov., General—D. Lapraik & Co.
VISAYAS, Spanish steamer, 406, J. de Ajubita, 8th Oct.—Manila, via Amoy 4th October, General—Ban Ho.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH, German bark, 867, E. Westergaard, 5th August—Hamburg 19th April, General—Order.
CARRIER DOVE, British bark, 1,026, A. Forsyth, 7th Oct.—Kobe 16th September, General—Order.
DIANE, Norwegian bark, 764, J. Petersen, 2nd Oct.—Sourabaya 23rd August, Sugar—Order.
ERIKONEN, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination, bulk—Stonocutters' Island—Chinese Customs.
FOOCHOW, Siamese brig, 300, O. C. S. Schmitz, 11th Oct.—Bangkok 13th Sept., Timber—Chinese.
GOV. GOODWIN, American ship, 1,459, S. Pray, 1st Oct.—Kobe 20th Sept., Coal—Adamson, Bell & Co.
GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, 1,497, James F. Rowell, 18th Sept.—San Francisco 28th July, Flour—Russell & Co.
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THORBECKE, Dutch bark, 826, J. Kaippen, 30th Oct.—Kema 1st October, Timber—Melchers & Co.

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